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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### Caltrans Plans 'Swarm Maintenance' on Westbound I-10 (Santa Monica Freeway) in Los Angeles

Multiple crews will be working on Sunday, June 18

LOS ANGELES — The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will deploy multiple crews and community service workers for a "swarm" maintenance operation along the westbound Santa Monica Freeway (Interstate 10) on Sunday, June 18, from 4 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The swarm operation will involve many types of maintenance work that will be done at the same time. For safety, Caltrans will close all on- and off-ramps on the westbound Santa Monica Freeway (I-10) between the Harbor Freeway (I-110) and Arlington Avenue.

Caltrans also will close the freeway connector from the southbound Harbor Freeway (I-110) to the westbound Santa Monica Freeway (I-10).

Also, Caltrans will close the westbound collector-distributor road adjacent to the Santa Monica Freeway (I-10) from Hoover Street to Arlington Avenue. The collector-distributor road is adjacent to the freeway and connects it to on- and off-ramps. The freeway lanes will remain open during the swarm.

Multiple crews will be working simultaneously to repair pot holes, sweep the roadway, remove litter and graffiti, replace signs, trim trees, clear weeds, repair guardrail and irrigation, re-stripe the roadway, re-lamp overhead lights, install new ramp meters, inspect and clean drains and culverts, and place mulch in landscaped areas.

Motorists should expect delays. Signed detours will be in place where lanes are closed.

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The closures will occur at the following locations:

#### Connector:

Southbound I-110 to westbound I-10 connector

### Collector:

Westbound I-10 collector from Hoover Street to Arlington Avenue

### Ramps:

Southbound I-110 11th Street on-ramp

Westbound I-10 Washington Boulevard off-ramp

Westbound I-10 Hoover Street off-ramp

Westbound I-10 Hoover Street on-ramp

Westbound I-10 Vermont Avenue off-ramp

Westbound I-10 Vermont Avenue on-ramp

Westbound I-10 Normandie Avenue off-ramp

Westbound I-10 Normandie Avenue on-ramp

Westbound I-10 Western Avenue off-ramp

Westbound I-10 Western Avenue on-ramp

Westbound I-10 Arlington Avenue off-ramp

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Caltrans maintenance crews generally have only a brief closure window in locations with large amounts of traffic. By increasing the window to eight hours and placing hundreds of personnel into one closure, crews will be able accomplish several tasks all at once, reducing the need for future closures and minimizing future inconvenience for motorists.

On average, more than 340,000 vehicles a day (counting vehicles headed in either direction) travel on I-10 in the area where Caltrans will conduct the swarm maintenance.

Drivers are reminded to move over and slow down when they see crews at work. The California Highway Patrol will be on duty.

Caltrans reminds drivers to "Be Work Zone Alert" and "Slow for the Cone Zone."

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